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CONGRESS STIRRED UP BY STORY OF KILLINGS AT VERA CRUZ

*There Will Be a Real Searching Probe—All Comes as
Result of Correspondent Boalt's Story of
Shooting of Unarmed Prisoners.*

BY GILSON GARDNER

Washington, D. C., July 16.—A searching congressional investigation is now seriously threatened as a result of the story told Correspondent Fred L. Boalt that marines shot down unarmed prisoners during the taking of Vera Cruz. The Falconer resolution in the house has taken the lid off and Senator Poindexter is on the trail in the senate, where the chance for action is not so much hampered by parliamentary difficulties.

What congressmen want to know

is, whether even a little threat of war like the Vera Cruz incident turns our soldiers into barbarians and repeals the ordinary laws of civilized warfare.

That the navy officers holding the court of inquiry at Vera Cruz are apt to do all in their power to save the honor of the service is taken for granted. This is the principal reason for the demand for action by congress.

The real charge is one which reflects on the military service as a whole and it can hardly be fairly tried